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Thoughts from our Pastor:

The Inclusion and Exclusion of God.

"Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, (5) Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." Jeremiah 1:4 - 5

People not just lost people, but some Christians hate the term "election", and the reason they do is because it is exclusive. People, even a lot of Christians just cannot imagine that God could be exclusive, but rather He must be inclusive. God has throughout the entire bible been exclusive, God was exclusive in the flood in choosing Noah and his family to be the only human survivors. God was exclusive in electing Israel to be His chosen Nation, why did He only choose a small nation to be His. Then there is the twins, Jacob and Esau, God loved Jacob and hating Esau God's choice. If God could have loved one, then God could have loved the other, but He chose just to love Jacob and to hate Esau. Was it wrong for God to choose Esau to exclude from His love, that question was asked and answer in the scriptures. Romans 9:13 - 14 *"As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid."* For Christians to deny the election of God, is to deny God the right to do as He chooses with His own creation. God explained to Moses that it was His right as the Creator to do as He pleases with His own creation. Exodus 33:19 *"And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy."* God spoke to the Prophet Jeremiah and told him that in eternity past He had elected Jeremiah to be a *"prophet unto the nations."* God also told him that his life before being formed in the womb, He knew him and ordained him a prophet and God had already *"sanctified thee"* all before Jeremiah was even born, this is called the election of God. God even told him that his prophesying would be the work of God. Jeremiah 1:6 - 7 *"Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak."* Even after people read all the scriptures, even the New Testament they still deny the election of God because it is exclusive. This is a barrier that only God can break, you cannot teach anyone anything that refuses to learn it. Learning the bible is the work of the same one who taught Jeremiah, God. Just as people do not have

the power to change themselves, we also do not have that power. But God is also exclusive in His teaching, He give one person one understanding and another person another understanding. God said, 1 Corinthians 12:4 "*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*" God explained further in verse 5 "*And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.*" God by His own choosing built us all different in this life, all elected to have and execute differently. We are all built like the snowflakes, we are all made different to look and sound different. But in the end, we all end up at the identical place with the identical accomplishments as God elected just as He did with this young Prophet named Jeremiah. God has not only elected us, sanctified us, and called us, He has also ordained our work on this earth that He chose for each of us to do. Ephesians 2:10 "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*" God did not send us all here in hope we would accomplish His work, we are Gods chosen vessels to fulfill His elected will. Psalms 100:3 "*Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*" God is exclusive, God has always been exclusive, He chose, Noah, Moses, Abraham, Jacob, David, and countless others. People do not choose God, God chooses us. Listen closely to Jesus in John 15:16 "*Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*" God is exclusive and if you never realize this, you will never understand the bible in Truth.

Half-hearted Christianity! By Horatius Bonar

"No one *can* serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You *cannot* serve both God and Money!" Matthew 6:24

If you are a Christian, then be a consistent Christian!

Be a Christian every hour, in every place. Beware . . .

- of half-hearted discipleship,
- of compromise with evil,
- of conformity to the world,
- of trying to serve two masters,
- of attempting to walk in both the narrow and the broad ways.

It is impossible!

Half-hearted Christianity will only end in misery!

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life, and only a few find it." Matthew 7:13-14

We are nothing outside of Jesus Christ.

"*I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."* **John 15:1 - 8**

Church News!

- Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 12 Do not forget to Spring your clocks forward one hour.